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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Bryan et al.)
Application No. 08/856,513) Examiner: Mary Beth Jones
Filed: 19 April 1997) Group Art Unit: 3300
For: Human Spinal Disc Prosthesis)

GROUP 3300

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Madam:

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This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated 30 October 1997. This Amendment is being filed on 27 February 1998, accompanied by a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and our Check No. 259506 in the amount of \$55.00 for the above-referenced Petition.

Kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, line 10, please delete "an imaginary platform of."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4 26. (Once Amended) A method of surgery comprising the steps of removing a vertebral disc from a patient's spine, forming holes at precisely predetermined locations in bone structure adjacent the location of the removed disc, tapping the holes to form a female thread in each hole, and threadably implanting an anchor into each tapped hole, thereby